## IS ILL UNTO DEATH

Blaine Is a Victim of Quick Consumption.

DISSOLUTION AT ANY DAY

The Distinguished Statesman Is Unable to Leave His Bed, Unless it Be for the Grave,

Naw Your, Dec. 14 .- The following special dispatch from Washington has m received: James G. Blaine is now on his death bed. The strength-sapping malady from which he has suffered for so long at times, has assumed a form which warns bis family and friends of a speedy termination. The

disease attacked his lungs a short time ago, and its course has baffled the skill of his physicians, The visit of Dr. E. C. Janeway of New York to Mr. Blaine is indicative of the extreme anxiety of the family. When the fact became known that Mr. Blaine's lungs were succumbing to the ravages of the disease plans were laid to convey the distinguished invalid to Pasadens, Cal., in the hope that a mild climate might enable him to rally. Mr. Eliaine's weakness, however, increased so rapidly that it was deemed unsafe to remove him, and the trip to California was abundoned. There is reason to

believe that the ex-secretary's death the Rev. Fr. Ducey's visit to the Blaine residence at this time has naturally revived the talk about Mr. Blaine's embracing the homan Catholic faith. A strong belief prevails here that it is Mr. Blaine's desire to die a communi-

Was a devout member. Washington, Dec. 15.—At 2 o'clock this morning the Blaine residence was entirely darkened, the family and servants having retired. There is no evidence whatever that a sick watch is being kept. There is no light burning in any of the rooms or hallways.

MILLS WAS IGNORANT.

He Denies Having Commented on th Crisp Insuit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Mills of Texas today sent the following letter to E. Ellery Anderson, president of

ter to E. Ellery Anderson, president of the Reform club, New York City, regarding the Crisp incident:

"Senate, Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Col. E. Ellery Anderson, President Reform Club: Dear Sir—It is stated in the New York Sun of the 13th inst., that I said to several democrate Saturday afternoon of the 10th inst.:

"Speaker Crisp has come to town with a speech prepared, but I know that he will not have an opportunity to deliver it," and the Tribune of the same date says that I am reported to have said, "Crisp has got a speech ready to deliver at the Reform club dinner tonight and has given it out to the press, but he won't get a chance to fire it off. He will find that this is not his show.'

"Both of these statements are false, wholly so. I never knew that Mr. Crisp was invited to speak, or had a speech prepared, or that he was invited to the hanquet, or that he was in the city until I sat down to the table and day from the other side, proceeded this saw his name on the program and the seat he was to occupy. He soon ap-peared on the stand. I advanced and shook his hand and aided him in finding the seat set apart for him. I learned for the first time in the papers Sunday that he was indignant at the treatment. I said then, and say now, its officers intended to show him the slightest disrespect, and I have no more knowledge of the matter than the man E. Q. MILLS."

GRANTS PARDONS.

The President Uses His Power to Gladden

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- The president today presented Christmas gifts to a number of people in the shape of par-dons. They were granted Manuella Martinez of New Mexico, convicted of adultery; N. Page of Iowa, convicted of violating the postal laws; Regino Martinez of Texas, convicted of smugging; and Wesley Wooten of Mary-land, convicted of manslaughter. In the case of John Howard of Ken-

tucky, convicted of violating the internal revenue laws, the fine of \$1,000 is remitted. John Pfeffer of Pennsyl-vania, convicted of counterfeiting, recerves a remission of a fine of \$100 and costs. John M. Cox of Mississippi, convicted of violating the internal rev-enue laws, has imprisonment remitted on the payment of \$100 fine and costs. John T. Jenkins of Georgia, who was convicted of perjury and sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment, has his

The president denied perdons to Victor McGreery of the District of Columbia, convicted of manslanghter; victed of violating the pension laws; Wm. Wilson Knott of Illinois, convicted of violation of postal laws, and J. H. Aymes of Tennessee, convicted of violating the postal laws. The president declined to take an action in the case of Marian Douglas of South Carolina, sentenced to three years im-prisonment for violating the internal

revenue awa.

Anti-Option Bill Discussed. Wassisoros, Dec. 14.-The famous McGarrahan claim occupied the attention of the senate today till 2 o'clock, when it went over till tomorrow, with out action. The question was whether to be passed by both houses last sea-son referred the matter to the court of con referred the matter to the court of private land claims over the president's veto. The rest of the session was eccupied by the antiophon bill. Mr. George of Musicappi occupied the floor, and leaving his speech still nufinished when the time for adjustment arrived. He stric-tures on the New York cotton exchange were of a bitter tone, the business of burg on November 16. It was decided that institution being denounced as to close the factories on December 24 "unballowed traffic," and its sales of and not to resume work until January

Very Bad Medicine.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Indian Commissioner Morgan has sent a report to the secretary of the interior in which he states that a crisis has been reached in the work carried on by the Indian offices in the education of Indian children. He says that the office is helpless to further enforce the regulations made in accordance with the act of 1890, which requires the attendance of Indian children at the school provided by the government for their education, and that he lays the facts in the case before the secretary for his information. General Morgan gives the details of several recent cases in which the authority of the government, as represented by the Indian agents, has been openly defied.

In Favor of Poeling.

In Favor of Pooling.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Chauncey De-pew and President Roberts of the Penn-sylvania system were before the senate committee on interstate commerce to-day to advise the passage of the smend-ment introduced by Senator Cullom modifying the existing law so as to au-thorize railroads to form pools under the supervision of the interstate com-merce commission. Mr. Depew and Mr. Hoberts made speeches in favor of the amendment, saying the great majority of the railroads of the country were in favor of it.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary of Treasury Foster has informed the house committee on appropriations that there will surely be a balance of \$20,000,000 in the treasury at the end of the fiscal year, June 3, next. The sec-retary is gratified at being able to make this showing, as last summer he had counted on but \$10,000,000 remaining in the treasury at the end of the year.

Blaine Was Misunderstood. Washington, Dec. 14.—James G. Blaine, Jr., at noon today, said that his father was resting nicely. Mr. Blaine said that in the interview printed this morning relative to Dr. Ducey calling on Mr. Biaine, Sr., he had been misunderstood by the reporter. Dr. Ducey had not been to the house since his father's illness.

"Rosey" Able to Walk.

Washington, Dec. 14.—At midnight
Gen. Rosecrans is reported much better. He is able to walk around in his

MITCHELL IS KEEN.

He Wants to Fight Corbett for a Purse of £500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Austin Gibbons afternoon with a number of sports to afternoon with a number of sports to the Police Gazette office, where he de-posited \$1,000 and issued a challenge to Bill Myer, the "Streater Cyclone," to fight him to a finish. Gibbons wants the fight to take place under the auspices of the C.I.A.C. Judge Newton of the club, who was present, offered to put up a purse for the fight between Gibbons and Billy Barnest of Brooklyn in case of Gibbons' failure to get on a match

Gibbons, in conversation with a United Press reporter, said that during his stay abroad he had met Mitchell frequently and the latter seemed very earnest in his desire to have a go with Corbett. He added that he had no doubt that Mitchell would lose no time in coming to this country on his release from prison. A dispatch was received from Paddy Slavin today from London, in which he says that he is patiently awaiting articles from the Crescent club at New Orleans binding him in the proposed match with Goddard. He says he wants £500 towards his expenses, and that he will sail in the first evening. There is the best authority week of January. He says he must for saying that all the present ministers have a definite reply at once, and his will be invited to retain their port-terms are that the purse shall be £2,000, folios, and there is reason to believe all to go to the winner.

Honor Avenged With an Ax.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.-Henry A. Kreckman went to his home at an early hour this morning and discovered his wife, Laura, and Samuel Morris in a compromising position. Kreckman procured an ax and made a savage attack upon Morris. Thinking he had killed the invader of his home, Kreckman went to the station house near by and surrendered himself to the police, saying that he had killed a man. cers went to the house and found Morris with two compound fractures of the skull, a terrible wound over each eye and one arm broken. He is still alive, but his death is expected at any moment. The police locked Kreck-man up and took the recreant wife in-

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.-The mayor of Newport has signed a license for the operation of "The Newport Athletic Club," which is intended to be a rival of the Coney Island and New Orleans athletic clubs. Its president is William Tippenhour. The first fight to occur before the new association will be between Mickie Norton of Cincinnati and Able Lloyd of Terre Haute, Ind. The fight is for a purse of \$500 and aide stakes of \$500 each. The men will weigh in at 118 pounds.

Where Is the Steel?

Cappano, Dec. 14.-The Western First Bottle association met at the Grand Pacific today for the purpose of reaffirming prices established in Pitts-burg on November 16. It was decided cotton being characterized as "sales of 9. It was also agreed that no contracts phanton bales." should be made without dates of ship-ment and specifications brong given.

evening. At Tuesday's cabinet meeting, during the heated discussion between M. Ribot and M. Rouvier, the president interposed the remark: "The action of certain ministers renders my retention of office almost impossible."

"M. Rouvier thereupon left the meeting declaring that he would reincreased by the reports that his father and his brother are involved in the saloons caught the infection, and the glass doors of a score bore the range and scandal. President Carcard, "Closed to Attend the Mills one who went to M. Tierard." It was the greatest religious caught the infection, and the glass doors of a score bore the Mills one who went to M. Tierard. one who went to M. Tierard.

The dispatch is as follows: "I call upon you, as a friend of my family, not to refuse office. If you do I will resign tomorrow."

ARGENTINE FINANCES. The Rothschilds Trying to Arrange for

a Payment of Bond Interest. London, Dec. 14 .- The Rothschilds commission which arranged with the Argentine government the suspension of interest in payments in cash has been using its great influence in oppos ing the recommendations of Dr. Ro-mero, the finance minister, who now wants the interest to be funded.

Dr. Romero's recommendation amounts practically to a breach of agreement between Argentine and the bondholders and would be an effectual hindrance to any further assistance be-ing given to the Argentine government by European financiers.

The Rothschild commission confided

the Moratorium arrangement in Morgan & Co., who, since the collapse of the Barings, have been the leading me-dium between the Argentine govern-ment and the bondholders. The large interest which this Anglo-American banking firm has in the honest adminstration of Argentine finance entitles it to use its power in keeping the gov-

During the Baring crisis the question was discussed in European mancial control. The Romero project has caused a renewal of the question whether the three powers—Germany, France and Great Britain—could not themselves collect the customs reve-

bury objected. Argentine has a more assured period of prosperity before her now, so the motion of intervention less appeals to the bondholders. But the very fact that the question of force being employed proves how investors distrust the position.

Debating the Army Bill. BERLIN, Dec. 14 .- The debate on the first reading of the army bill was con-tinued in the reichstag today. Frei-herr von Manteuffel, a prominent leader of the conservative party, resented the aspersions cast upon the conservative party by Chancellor von Caprivi, who a few days ago declared in the reichstag that the conservatives were supporters of Rector Ahlwardt. Then Chancellor von Caprivi replied to to a report published in the Kreuz Zei tung of the recent meeting of conservatives, and said that he drew from this report the conclusion that the party had sympathy for the man who had been condemned by the judges of the land as an asperser of the army. This statement was greeted with cries of "Oh, oh," by the conservatives.

To Form a New Cabinet.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.-Mr. Taillon who has been summoned by the lieu-tenant governor of Quebec to form a that they will do so. There is a probability that Mr. Taillon will be sworn in as president of the executive council, the office held by the retiring premier, Deboucherville.

Smoothing Italy's Plumage.

Rosse, Dec. 14 .- The Italian government recently made a protest to the United States government against the quarantine regulations adopted by the atter government. Today a reply was eceived from Washington explaining that the restrictions sgainst immigra-tion applied to all European states. If it were otherwise no objection would be made to the landing of Italian immi-grants after they had been subjected to twenty days' quarantine.

England Withdrawing Troops. London, Dec. 14 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegram Company from Cairo states that the British garrison in Egypt is about to be reduced owing to the present effective condition of the army of the khedive.

Democrats Endorse the Steal,

CHEVENNE, Wyo., Dec. 14,-A. L. New, chairman of the state committee, and John Charles Thomson, its secretary, are the officers of a congress of Wyoming democrats now in session here. Every county in the state is represented. The action of Osborne in seizing the office of governor was qualfiedly endorsed and a complete report of the situation was compiled for the use of United States Sensions Brice, Carlisle and Gorman. The meeting will finish its business tomorrow.

Bio Store Gar, Va., Dec. 14.-A of the Daisy iron mines at Hogan Sta-tion, forty miles from here, the other night and told the old darkey woman who elept in the front room that they Washington, Dec. 14.—The time of the house today was consumed in the consideration of the army appropriation bills to be reported, as the cutcome showed, the first to be passed, but the early passing of this bill pressure of the strike of last Tuesday. It is said that the operators are dissatisfied in the seconds there were two men ages nothing. The first appropriation bill passed by the first season of the cutcome of the cutcome showed. The first sproposation to the orders of Chief Ramesy, who or dered the strike off last Tuesday. It is said that the operators are dissatisfied in the seconds there were two men and three fingers of another on the ground outside, and Monteria had two and three fingers of another on the ground outside, and Monday hight, after a few days ill-ground outside, and Monteria had two ness, no physician being called.

city assumed a Sabbath air. Three weeks ago B. F. Mills, the great evangelist, came to Omaha, and the churches of the city joined forces to make one grand revival. That the revival was a success was seen by today's action. All the great department stores, the railroad offices, the banks, wholesale houses, most of the drug stores and nine-tenths of the retail stores closed their doors at 9 a. m. and Meeting." It was the greatest religious event in the history of the west. At 8 o'clock supplementary prayer meetings were held in 300 private houses and at 9 o'clock the wheels of

A few moments later, at 9:30 o'clock, 4,000 persons were packed beneath its roof. Still the crowds came and the doors of the down town churches were doors of the down town churches were thrown open and overflow meetings held. It is estimated that 15,000 people heard the gospel preached in Omaha this afternoon. The streets were practically deserted for the time.

At the exposition half the Rev. Mr. Mills preached from the text, "He that he half not proposer." It

Mills preached from the text, "He that covers his aims shall not prosper." It was the most eloquent of a series of eloquent sermons. At the close of the sermon 300 people arose for prayer and 200 were signed, signifying that the signers desired henceforth to lead a Christian life. At 11:30 the services were concluded and promptly at noon the stores opened and the tide of traffic swept onward again.

Was Col. Sheppard Drunk? New York, Dec. 14.—The third day's hearing in the suit brought by Frank S. Gray against Col. Elliott F. Sheppard to recover \$20,000 damages, lost through an alleged breach of contract, opened this morning in part second of the supreme court. The plaintiff, Mr. Gray, took the stand. In regard to his testimony of vesterday

tiff, Mr. Gray, took the stand. In regard to his testimony of yesterday about drinking with Colonel Sheppard, Mr. Gray testified that on one occasion the colonel was so full that he had to be helped to the steps of his house. Colonel Sheppard was called in rebuttal. He said that he was never intoxicated in his life, although he was not a total abstainer.

Try to Form a Pool. agers of the central traffic lines spent most of today in figuring out a way to extend the trunk line pool to central traffic territory. All the association

lines are anxious to form the pool, but are deterred by the number of non-association lines in this territory. It was finally determined to urge the non-association lines to join the pool. Chairman Walker and Vice Chairman Goddard and Bianchard will conter with the non-association lines and report to general managers, who will take action based on the number of non-association lines willing to join

Prof. Smith Will Appeal,

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—After being formerly suspended from the Presbyterian mercy, Prof. Smith spoke briefly, saying that if he had done wrong he had not done so willfully. To a reporter of the United Press the professor explained himself freely con-cerning the issue of the trial. He said that he was surprised that the penalty was anything more than a rebuke or

"Will you appeal the case?" was "Certainly I will," was the reply.
"I will see it through."

Murder Quickly Avenged. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14.—A special to the State Chronicle from Washington, N. C., says: At South Creek, Beaufort county, last night, Robert Rogers, a white man, killed William Hammond, colored; and Tom More, colored, killed Rogers directly afterwards. It is rumored that a woman was the cause. Great excitement pre-

Head End Collision

ROME, Ga., Dec. 4.—There was a slight head end collision on the Central railroad this afternoon near Leavandor. The trains have to pick their way as best they can since the operators' strike, and a work train ran into a moving freight. One engine was derailed and Engineer Brown of the freight badly injured.

Death Near at Hand. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14 .- Dr. sarnett, the physician in attendance upon Senstor Gibson, stated tonight that his patient was being kept alive by stimulants and that he was liable to pass away at any moment.

Want a Congressional Investigation. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14 .- The Federation of Labor delegates spent the day in passing resolutions against the courts and militia and for a congressional investigation of the

Thieving City Clerk. Colonado Sprixos, Col. Dec. 14.-The city clerk, A. H. Gorman, has confessed to deficiency in his accounts of \$0,400. The amount is amply secured by his bondsmen. An investigation is in progress.

Far From Settlement. Carcano, Dec. 14.-The dispute be tween the striking operators and the Rock Island railway company appears

Briggs Heresy Case. NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- The entire are sion of the Briggs beresy trial today was devoted to discussing this confession of faith.

perther side being inclined to yield.

Christian Scientist Dead. Basson, Dec. 14.-Mrs. Phrabe Cross

their work as usual this morning after the colliery had been inspected in the usual way. They had not been at work ong when a terrible explosion shook the earth and a cloud of smoke shot up through the shaft. A multitude of people rushed toward the mine and the greatest excitement prevailed. Steps were immediately taken to ascertain the full extent of the disaster and a crowd of volunteers promptly offered to explore the pit.

Later advices from Wigan says that the loss of life by the explosion may not be as great as at first reported. A nundred men remain in the mine with their lives endangered, being unable to get out owing to the fire which fol-lowed the explosion.

Fire in the Mine, The fire is raging fiercely, making it extremely difficult for rescuers to get at the imprisoned miners. The work at the imprisoned miners. The work of rescue is proceeding and volunteers are not deterred by any danger in their efforts at rescue. The efforts of the rescuers are being directed toward putting out the fire, and until it is extinguished the loss of life is difficult to estimate, but there is little hope that many survived the explosion. Twenty miners were brought up by the rescuers from the Bamfurlong mine this afternoon. The remainder are still imprisoned below. The rescued men were exhausted when brought to the top. The men who are brought to the top. The men who are still below are imprisoned in a seam under the place where the fire is rag-

WAR SLOW POISON. How the Stuff Used at Homestead Was Obtained of a Druggist.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 14.-The story of the selection of the poison alleged to have been used in the execution of the Homestead plot was learned from an authoritive source. As has been stated, the design was not to cause the death of any non-union men, but to produce such an epidemic of sickness produce such an epidemic of sickness as to create a panic among them and thus effect a stampede from the works. A prolonged discussion ensued among the conspirators as to the kind of poseon to be used and it was finally decided to consult a druggist. The conspirators represented that they wanted to disable a puglist so that he could not win a fight in which he was to see gage. They were asked if they wanted the drug to act quickly or otherwise. It was stated that they preferred something that would take effect gradually so as not to arouse suspi The conspirators were told that a cer-tain preparation could be made that would gradually undermine the strength and if persisted in it would knock the victim in three or four days. The formula of the preparation was obtained, and it is said the ingredients were found in the samples of coffee and soup which were analyzed by the chemists of the company at Braddock, Homestead and Duquesne.

CORNER ON WIVES Chicago Bigamist Lands in a Buffalo Police Court.

BUFFALO, Dec. 14 .- Theodore Fisk, who claims to be a brother of Eugene D. Fisk of Chicago, is a pris-oner here charged with bigamy. He was srrested early today on a warrant sworn out by his last wife, who was Miss Alice McClearn of Malden, a suburb of Boston. In the police court he pleaded not guilty and was held for trial in the upper court. Miss Mc-Clearn is a handsome young woman of 22 years. After Fisk had been arraigned she sat down and cried. She said she met him at her home where duced himself as a friend of her father. They became very friendly, and upon her announcing that she was going to Chicago to visit a friend Mr. Fisk proposed accompanying her. On the way he proposed marriage and she accepted him. On reaching this city on Monday they were married by the mayor. They remained here until today, when her brother, who had learned that Fisk was a bigamist, caused his arrest. Fisk's former wife was Miss Mary Couch of Chicago. She was deserted by him a year ago, it is said. It is also said that he has at least six living wives in various parts of the country.

THEY WILL SWING Chesapeake & Ohio Train Robbers Have Been Fully Identified.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 14 .- Burrel Forgev, the wounded train robber. was taken from his home to the county jail this morning. T. W. Collins was also arrested this morning before daylight at his home in Bradrick, on the Ohio side, opposite this place. He was confronted by the Hon. Sam Matneson, who had the fight with them on the train. He immediately recognized Collins. Collins was brought at once to this side and landed in jail. The coat found where the robbers left the train, with a scorched bullet hole, corresponding to the location of Forgey's wound, has been identified by Clothier ti. A. Northcott as the one sold to Forgey. Forgey and Collins were companions, and on Saturday were together in the hardware store of Emmons & Hawkins, inspecting revolvers. There they over Jim Saunders, a la-year-old boy, who told them he had a navy revolver. Collins bought it from him for Su.25. This pistol was one of the two captured on the train, and has been positively identified by the boy and a gunsmith who repaired it. to be as far from settlement as ever,

> SHE HAD NERVE. A St. Louis School Teacher Quella Panic in Her Room.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14 .- At 11:45 this room of the Sheppard school put a pan of coffee on the stove to boil. The steam generated in the can, blew off the top and scattered hot coffee all over the room. The caused a panic over the room. The caused a panic over the room.

house in the present congress was that providing for the expenses of the District of Columbia. Yet that was the last of the general appropriation bills to reach the president and to be signed by him. However, Chairman Outhwaits and the members of the military committee were elasted at the quick action of the house upon their bill to-day.

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RELIGIOUS OMAHA.

The Whole Town Stops Business to Attend Revival Meetings.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—A fearful explosion for the Revival Meetings.

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ABOT IN COURT.

Relatives of a Georgia Prisoner Kill Him

and His Prosecu WAYNESBORO, Ga., Dec. 14 .- Three men are dying tonight as the result of a tragedy, which was enacted today in a tragedy, which was enacted today in the presence of the assembly court. W. P. Jones is on trial for arson and six cases of forgery. His prosecutor is Charles McNorrill. Both belong to the best business circles of this section. The relatives of both men were present in force, well armed and were present in force, well armed and ready to take up any quarrel. The prisoner's father, O'Morgan Jones, in passing McNorrell, the prosecutor, knocked against him. The whole party drew their pistols, and a general exchange of bullets was indulged in. McOorrell was shot through the neck, his brother, W. L. McNorrell, shot through the side, while Jones fell with bullets through his stomach, face and neck.

year. In January we shall hold our annual meeting and hear the reports. At the present time I really can't tell what we will do.

"The law, you know, requires a reserve for every policy written. Thus heavy drafts are made upon the capital stock. There was our weakness. We have stopped business because we did not think it advisable to make further drafts. We have virtually written no policies since the middle of Novem-

That the Catalogue Contract, CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—As a result of the fight being made by the labor representatives on the W. B. Conkey Printing company, the executive committee of the world's tair board of directors of the world's tair board of directors today appointed a committee of three citizens to publicly hear all complaints growing out of the awarding of concession at the fair and pledged itself to demand the resignation of any director or employe who had hidden or corrupt interest in such contracts. The committee also declared that it would apply any contract procured by would annul any contract procured by fraud, bribery or corruption. The committee appointed to take testimony is composed of Edwin Walker of the board of directors, Judge Thomas A. Moran and Mark L. Crawford of the Trade and Labor assemby.

Gave Him Back His Railroad INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14 .- Harry Crawford was today restored to the possession of the Midland railway by the supreme court. Some months ago the treasurer of Boone county levied upon the rolling stack of the road for the payment of taxes, and several engines were chained to the track at different places along the line. The Boone circuit court appointed a case in receiver, and Crawford appealed from the decision. In the decision today the court holds that there was not sufficient grounds for such an appointment.

Twenty-Five Injured. SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 14 .- A west ern bound passenger train on the Union Pacific was wrecked near Green Union Pacific was wrecked near Green River, Wyo., Monday. The accident was caused by a broken rail. Six cars were derailed and about twenty-five persons injured. Two of them may die. Most of the injured are immigrants. Messages filed by the passengers were not forwarded by the telegraph company promptly and nothing was known in this city about the accident until the arrival of the train here.

He Could Afford To. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.-Commissioner of Public Works Aldrich today mad public the results of an investigation of a fraud, said to have been carried on for more than a year, in connection with laying plank sidewalks. Joseph Demling, a contractor, who has in-variably underbid all competitors has been substituting cell planks worth \$6 per 1,000 feet for lumber costing \$14 per 1,000 called for in the coutracts, the commissioner alleges, and the city is the loser thereby to the extent of several thousand dollars.

"Take the Baby, I'm Shot." MORILE, Ala., Dec. 14.—A special to she Register from Meridian relates she Register from Meridian relates another chapter in the bloody history of Kemp county, Miss. William Beckham, a farmer living near Fort Stevens, was shot dead Monday while at his fireside among his family and friends. He was holding his baby child on his knee when the guns were fired through the window. Beckham handed the child to his wife saying, "Take the baby, I am shot," and immediately expired.

Sr. Many's, Ohio, Dec. 14.-J. M. Tappert, manager of the Western Union telegraph office, has absconded. Union telegraph office, has absconded.

An investigation of his books show that he had taken the company's last month's receipts. He borrowed several hundred dollars from his friends. He acted as agent for the American

Telephone company, and recently put in twenty-five stations, for which he received the annual rental of \$30 each.

After Land Grabbers. GUTHER, O. T., Dec. 14.—Twenty-five warrants for perjury were issued today against parties who testified falsely in land contests. In addition to these eighty-three indictments for the same crime were sent from the United States court at Wichita last night. Thirty-one men have already been sent to the penstentiary for testi-fying falsely in these cases and twenty more are under heavy bonds.

For Burning a Town. HERSEY, Dec. 14.—The trial of Zim-merman Blose, charged with starting the fire which destroyed the village of Chase last April, was commenced here this morning on a change of venue from Lake county. It will probably occupy a week or more. There are over sixty witnesses subpoened.

New York, Dec. 14.—Johnny Griffin of Braintree, Mass., and Bill Baxter of England, have been matched to fight for the featherweight championship and \$3,000 before the Coney Island Athletic club. The match is expected to take place some time in February.

Died of His Wound

BIT OFF TOO MUCH

A Life Insurance Company's Very Queer Fix

BIG BUSINESS, LITTLE CAPITAL

But the Concern to Not in Fin Straits and Is Perfectly Solvent. It Hustled Policies

DETROIT, Dec. 14.—The Imperful Life neurance company, with offices in the Insurance company, with offices in the McGraw building, has ceased to transact business, at least temperarily. This fact has given rise to the rumor that the company is in financial straits, but officials deny this. At all events, it is by no means certain that the company

will ever write any more policies.

Vice President Cristy explains the condition of the company as follows: "The fact is," he said, "that the company wrote so many policies during

pany wrote so many policies during the first half of this year as to seriously impair our capital, and we have concluded not to write any more this year. In January we shall hold our annual meeting and hear the reports. At the present time I really can't tell what we will do.

"The law, you know, requires a reserve for every policy written. Thus heavy drafts are made upon the capital stock. There was our weakness. We have stopped business because we did not think it advisable to make further drafts. We have virtually written no policies since the middle of November. Our impairments amounted, I believe, to \$30,000 or \$40,000. Our susnsion is not due to any lack of present money.

WANTED REVENGE. When Taylor Left Prison He Swore to

Get Even. JACKSON, Dec. 14. - George Hicks, who knew George Taylor at the prison, stated last evening that Taylor came to see him December 1, in the morning. He wanted to find Dick Silverwood, a He wanted to find Dick Silverwood, a desperate ex-convict, whom he knew in the prison. Taylor remarked to Hicks that he was going to get even with a woman near Niles who had done him a dirty trick which sent him to prison, awearing faisely. He said that Silverwood was the man to help him do the

Taylor was advised by Hicks to forego his revenge, the latter stating that two terms in prison ought to be enough for anybody, but Taylor said: "I shall never be satisfied until I get even with that woman. I said I would and I will if I die for it."

Hicks went with Taylor and pointed out Norris' second-hand store, where Taylor later purchased the revolver.

LEFT CHEER CUT OFF.

BAY CITY, Dec. 14.—Peter Snay, knot sawyer in Cousins' shingle mill, met with a terrible accident when the shingle jointer, composed of a series of rapidly revolving knives, exploded into a thousand pieces. The second floor of the mill, in which the machine was located, was filled with flying iron, and, although there were twenty-three men employed, only two were injured. Snay had the left side of his face torn away, his teeth knocked out and his jaw broken, besides cuts on the forehead and on the right cheek. A piece of iron weighing 200 pounds was thrown overhead, and in falling struck John Shaw on the shoulder. A beam John Shaw on the shoulder. A beam 14x14 inches was nearly cut in two by pieces of the knives.

Evidence Nearly Completed.

ALPENA, Dec. 14.—There was nothing new brought out in the Moditor murder trial. Grossman testified he was home the night of the murder. He knew nothing about it until the next morning. Did not hate Molitor, and never wanted him killed. Mrs. Grossman swore he was at home all the time on the fatal evening. The prosetime on the fatal evening. The prose-cution began to put on witnesses in re-buttal. Several have been examined. One Charles Empke testified that on the Sunday prior to the murder Ja-cobs was at his farm helping to shingle a barn; that on that eccasion Jacobs said to him, and in presence of his wife: "Albert Mollifor will have to live about two more days."

For the Michigan Building.

Ionia, Dec. 14.—The Columbian committee of Ionia county have received from the Belding Bros. Silk Company, with its compliments, a handsome sik flag, 8x12 feet, trimmed with gold fringe, with gold stars, which will be formally presented to the Columbian committee at their next meeting. The Ionia county committee was detailed to furnish the flag for Michigan's state building at the world's fair, and through the energy of its chairman, Mrs. D. R. Colville of Belding, have met with this success,

Muskedon, Dec. 14.—A serious and perhaps fatal stabbing affray occurred shortly before midnight last night in the locality known as l'inchtown. The participants were two old friends named John Grindle, a German, and John Odion, a Frenchman. Grindle was cut on each side of the neck, one of the cuts severing his windpipe; also in the back of his neck and in his back below his shoulder blade. He is in a dangerous condition. Odion was arrested this morning.

Cano, Dec. 14.—Deputy Sheriff R. T. Jarvis arrested Rudolph Wisenburgh on a charge of murdering Julius Koch Monday night, while drinking in the saloon of Rooble at Reese. Julius Koch and Rudolph Wisenburgh became engaged in a dispute, when the landlord ordered them out. Wisenburgh went out first and Kech follandlord ordered them out. Ween-burgh went out first and Koch fol-lowed afterwards, when they became engaged in a hand-to-hand encounter. Wisenburgh stabled Koch in the side, severing a large artery and cutting the

Miner Instantly Killed.

Inon MOUNTAIN, Dec. 14 .- At the Chapin mine, last night, a block fell a distance of several nundred feet, strik-ing and instantly killing Luigi Leovar-dell. He was unmarried and 24 years

Kalawazzo, Dec. 14.—Judge Buc sentenced George Mankin and Joh McNaht, two young toughs from Gran Rapide, to eighteen months' imprises